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Student sculptors face finals week with *windmills*



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SCULPT: Students in a beginning sculpture class at the University work on their final projects in Alumni Mall, between Harshman and Kreischer residence halls yesterday. The assignment was to make a wind-powered kinetic sculpture out of wood and a cast iron element. Each sculpture had to be taller than the artist who made it. **LEFT and TOP RIGHT:** Olivia Margraf, sophomore, and Susan Begel, senior, paint finishing touches on Begel's windmill. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Graduate student Collin Mapp and sophomore Katelyn Turner discuss another student's project.

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OReg tries different approach to better suit needs of students

By Shaina Smith
Reporter

Orientation and Registration is going from a two-day program to a one-day program beginning this summer.

Along with the one-day program, OReg will have a website to assist new students called the Orientation Station. The website will provide students with information they will need to know prior to registration about what to expect when coming to campus. That communication will then be continued after the students attend orientation.

"It really is about how we deliver the information most effectively to students and their family who need that information," said senior associate dean of students Jodi Webb.

The planning process for this change began in the summer of 2009 and was based on a feeling that students who participated in OReg were looking for information in a different format, Webb said.

"While we are cutting back on the length of the program, it causes us to really think about better methods for delivering the information," she said.

The University will have the new students back on campus

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Briaunna Ponder | Senior

the weekend before classes begin, there will be opening weekend activities and Fall Welcome will occur during the first week of classes.

Webb said finances and resources weren't the primary reason for implementing this change, but she does suspect OReg will no longer have an overnight component so students and their parents can save money.

"When [students] stayed on campus, they were paying for those expenses. We weren't really incurring those costs," Webb said.

Freshman Kaila Johnson also believes OReg being just one day long makes more sense for financial reasons.

"Some people can't afford to stay in and hotels and on campus and everybody doesn't stay close enough to drive back and forth," Johnson said.

Senior Briaunna Ponder said

she doesn't really see a benefit in the overnight experience.

"Originally, I was going to stay in the hotel with my parents and then I switched to staying on campus because I thought I was going to miss something, and I didn't feel like it was worth it," Ponder said.

Webb said even though the program will only be one day, the quality of the program will remain the same. The University is just taking a different approach.

"It's going to look different and feel different but as student needs change and the student population changes for both the traditional and non-traditional student, there comes a point when you have to look at if the model is still the most effective way to reach out to people," she said. "This is just a good time to implement the new model."

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Universities integrate environment into education majors, minors

Introduction

College recruiters work hard to attract prospective students. They flaunt their college for its academic achievements, its alumni and often its sports. But there is a new criterion moving

its way up the list — sustainability. If a college isn't green, some students might choose a greener school. In a survey done by the Princeton Review of 10,300 college applicants, 63 percent stated a college's com-

mitment to the environment could affect their decision to attend. Students are looking into how sustainable their prospective colleges are, and if they don't make the grade, then they don't make the cut.

Editor's note: This is part three in a three-part series looking at sustainability at six Ohio four-year public universities.

By Gina Potthoff
and Ella Fowler

The BG News

Learning about the environment begins in the classroom.

Students can take classes that focus on the environment; they can even major or minor in Earth-specific classes.

The BG News decided to look at six Ohio four-year public universities — BGSU, Kent State University, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, Ohio University and Ohio State University — and their commitment to sustainability in education.

Students can choose from three specific majors for

"Part of the action plan is to increase environmental literacy as well. Within each college and department, they've been working to integrate it."

Shawn Tubb | UC Sustainability Coordinator

environmental studies at OU, including an undergraduate certificate program studying biophysical environments and how humans affect the environment, said Erin Sykes, sustainability staff member at OU. The school also offers a graduate certificate in environmental sustainability for non-environmental studies majors and a master's of science degree in environmental studies mixing classes and research.

UC offers a minor in sustainability at this point, but

Sustainability Coordinator Shawn Tubb said already-offered classes in environmental studies, environmental health and environmental engineering provide knowledge of sustainability and environmental impact.

"Part of the action plan is to increase environmental literacy as well," he said. "Within each college and department, they've been working to integrate it."

Reaching first-year students

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Take advantage of academia

College is a time for personal and academic growth through learning experiences both inside and outside of the classroom, says columnist Kate Noftinger | Page 4

Many learn little from education

Higher education is normally viewed as a way to better society and help people make moral decisions, but instead, supposedly-educated world leaders are wreaking global havoc, says columnist Hama Bbela | Page 4

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From player to coach

After a four-year, record-breaking career as a BG softball player, Hayley Wiener is now making strides as an assistant coach | Page 6




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Senior, Assistant Forum Editor

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9:20 A.M.

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12:00 P.M.

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Generation Y has more debt than its predecessors, spends more money

By Nicole Krohn
Reporter

Generation Y has a reputation for spending the most money and having the most debt.

The average debt of University graduates is more than \$20,000, according to the University website.

Freshman Kellie Nodo said she believes the debt problem is due to new technology, the expense of college and how easy it is to get credit cards.

"College is so expensive, plus we always want the newest of everything," Nodo said. "We need to start being more aware of how we spend money and the loans we take out, and we need more help from the government to afford school."

Sophomore Stephanie Loomis said the nature of society plays a huge role in student debt.

"Society is so commercialized," she said. "It's really important to invest in an education, but it's also about what you have. To keep up with trends, you have to spend money."

However, Loomis said there are ways to avoid getting into

too much debt.

"Our generation knows how important education is," she said. "But you have to work along with school and help pay debt [back] as soon as you can. You have to save and don't get a credit card unless you absolutely need it."

Associate Director of Student Financial Aid Eric Bucks said students can save money by making smart choices when scheduling classes. Bucks said it costs the same price to take 12 credit hours as it does to take 18 credit hours.

"If you take 18 credit hours just once a year, you could cut a whole semester out and save a lot of money," Bucks said.

He also said students can avoid too much debt by staying on track for graduation and not extending the length of their program, making smart decisions as consumers, applying for scholarships and working while going to school.

"Students should be working and saving and not just working and spending," Bucks said. "They need to be working with an academic advisor to stay on track, bargain shopping and weighing every decision."

Bucks said one way students

can avoid debt is to make smart decisions about the loans they take out. He said the amount of money students take out in loans has increased over the years.

"Not a single expense out there for students has gone down," Bucks said. "There have been modest increases to tuition and room and board. Nothing has gotten cheaper and things have to get paid somehow. Inevitably, that leads to higher loans."

The number of students taking on loans has also increased, Bucks said.

"There are families where mom or dad is out of work and that student who didn't have to borrow two years ago may have to now," he said.

Bucks said students should always try to take out federal loans first and minimize the amount of private loans and credit cards they use.

"Federal loans have lower interest rates, more flexible payment options, forgiveness possibility and overall are just better," he said.

Bucks said if students are concerned or want advice about making good financial decisions

they should go to Student Money Management Services.

Patricia Donnelly, program manager of SMMS, said the type of service they provide is not very common at other universities.

"This particular service is pioneering at colleges," she said. "We look out for students' financial situations not only now but in the future."

Donnelly said one of the main reasons students get into so much debt is because they come to college without any money management skills.

"No one has ever educated them about that," she said. "And if they don't have money management skills, plus a credit card and loans, they can get into some trouble."

Another reason for high student debt, Donnelly said, is the new demographic of students attending college.

"First generation and minority students are a fast-growing demographic going to college," she said. "And they tend to be incredibly without financial support."

Donnelly said students need to develop a mindset of awareness about where their money is

going in order to avoid debt.

"You need to try to set a goal for yourself," she said. "And then when you are spending money on other things, you need to realize that is not getting you toward your goal."

Donnelly said they currently see about two students per week for individual sessions, up from less than one person a week in 2008.

"Students can learn from their choices," Donnelly said. "It's never too late to get out of debt."

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EDUCATION

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is also key to keeping the movement's momentum, because Tubb said students are the movement's main driving force. Each should be at a certain level of literacy, he said.

"I've noticed even in the last year that more and more courses are related to the environment," Tubb said. "It's not just the usual subjects."

At BGSU, students can tailor their sustainability education toward the environment, health or sustainability.

The environmental health major at BGSU, which deals with the relationship between environmental quality and human health, has 27 accredited programs recognized by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council.

The environmental policy and analysis major is geared toward

students interested in the administrative, legislative and organizational problems from human contact. In this major, students can pursue career goals on sustainable management, environmental planning, outdoor recreation, environmental education and environmental law. The environmental science major focuses on the biological aspects of the environment and offers opportunities for students to specialize in sustainable management, environmental restoration, watershed management, geo-spatial analysis and environmental education.

Miriam Saas, a senior environmental policy and analysis major, chose her major because of the element of science, which she loves. She thinks it's critical to bridge the gap between government and nonprofit organizations because the funding for projects is often unavailable.

"I think it's important to share the resources if you can help because little things go a long way," Saas said.

KSU has yet to establish a major or minor in the field of sustainability, but there is a lot of interest in the idea on campus, said Cathy DuBois, chair of the academic program subcommittee of the sustainability task force at KSU. Recently, the subcommittee conducted a survey of faculty at the university, DuBois said.

"[We] found that there are 150 courses that are sustainability related or focus on faculty integrated sustainability in course content," she said.

The faculty interest in incorporating sustainability compelled the subcommittee to offer a sustainability faculty workshop. The future of sustainability majors or minors at KSU is uncertain, but DuBois said it will continue to be integrated into courses.

"I would like to see a trans-disciplinary center that helps connect people from all disciplines to learn about sustainability," DuBois said.

UT offers students the chance to major in sustainability-supported majors like environmental

science and environmental engineering at the undergraduate or graduate level.

"Our graduate engineering program at UT is ranked 18th in the nation," said Harvey Vershum, UT director of energy management.

Students interested in environmental studies and sustainability can enroll in UT's environmental science program and get the chance to do field and laboratory work for valuable hands-on experience.

OSU offers numerous programs with an environmental focus for students, including four undergraduate majors in the field of environmental science. With the increase in green movements nationwide, the need for environmental programs at OSU is as important as ever, said Mark Giese, academic administrative officer for the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

"You go through an up and down cycle and trends," Giese said. "In the '60s there was a lot of interest in [environmental policy] and

we are seeing a resurgence of that. There are green jobs and work at the federal and state level. It's been very prominent in political discussions and we see it increasing in our enrollment and in our policies as well."

The next big step at OSU is creating a major focused on energy and how it relates to the environment. Giese said although many majors deal with some energy topics, there is a need for courses that deal entirely with it.

"It's focused in new energy frontiers," he said. "We currently don't have a unified energy major, but a lot of different majors have started to incorporate different areas related to energy. It's something the university is still looking for ways to define that. There are a variety of different courses offered and we will probably see something offered in the future."

Editor's note: Angela Green, Shaina Smith, Brittany Washington and Josh Whitherholt contributed reporting to this story.

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LEFT: Scott McPherson, Kristen Llewellyn and Alex Boyers, sophomores, examine another student's windmill.
RIGHT: Olivia Margraf, sophomore, looks at a windmill made by classmate Lori Young.



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- **Baseball:** Frank Berry and Derek Spencer
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Head-to-head: Education edition, Round 2

BG News columnists write on what education should produce, what it actually produces and what you should be able to get out of a college education

College doesn't give people morality, it often does the opposite



HAMA BBELA
COLUMNIST

The world is run by educated people.

A select group of people make the decisions that make the world go round, decisions that affect the lives of billions around the world. This is no conspiracy theory I concocted in the privacy of my apartment, nor should it sound new to anyone.

Being educated in the world today implies spending a reasonable amount of time in an institution of higher learning. These educational institutions are the places modern society has given the duty of molding the minds of its leaders and its citizens. Yet, in the face of the current global financial crisis, terrorism, world hunger and dictators, I had to wonder whether these institutions were teaching students anything about morals.

The same people who decide to engage in wars and the people who decide to blow up innocent people went to colleges and institutions of higher learning. So this

begs the question: Is higher education at a university level really improving the world, or is it actually making things worse? Are we becoming more moral and humane as we learn more?

The big fear I have is that we are all learning to be earners and not just well-rounded, good people. I know this sounds like silly idealism, but it's the truth.

Education is viewed as a gateway to financial rewards, not to a better life for you and those around you. This is because we are taught money and a good life are one and the same thing. Hence, when we look at the financial crisis it stems from everyone thinking they can buy happiness.

We go to class and learn that regardless of one's vocation, you are only worth it if you earn money. With this money you have to fall for all the trappings of modern life, the definition of a blissful existence.

So, we create people who go into debt trying to buy a dream they can't afford. A close analysis of the housing bubble reveals an obviously unsustainable situation, but we followed with it anyway. A lot of the big decisions that led to this crisis were decisions from graduates of some of the world's best schools of higher learning.

We can't be taught to be happy, but we can learn not to think money will make us happy. An education should encourage people to pursue greater moral ideals. I took many classes and was never challenged to deal with such issues. We can't claim to be educated if we aren't people of high moral standards. Education needs to teach us to be idealists and to try to work toward a world that is reaching for higher ideals.

Institutions of higher learning should be the places from which we try to realize a world that is ideal for human survival. We should view and use education as a means to realizing a better future for humanity. Colleges and universities should be the institutions charged with preaching a higher moral ideal for graduates.

It is only through our colleges and universities that we will have economic and political leaders who realize the importance of high moral ideals. So far, higher education has failed to do this. Instead, it has produced money-hungry politicians and economists whose underlying goal is to make money, not to improve lives.

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KATE NOFTSINGER
COLUMNIST

I started college because I wanted to have better conversation at the bar.

It's not like I was completely vacant before. I had plenty of thoughts, just no words to back them up. Recognizing that I was tragically uninformed, I censored myself and spent most of my time sipping my drink to mask the silence. Fed up with smiling and nodding while references to common knowledge flew over my head, I finally decided if I wanted to contribute, I would have to go back to school.

Here's what I've learned about college thus far.

Education is the pursuit of learning. It is an action that requires two things — showing up and taking notes. If you can uphold these responsibilities, you are guaranteed to retain something, I swear.

There is a difference between education and experience. Education is abstract.

This is knowledge transferred from one individual to another. Experience is concrete. This is information gained by doing. There's something to be said for both. Having some of each is truly the art of being well-rounded.

So, learning doesn't have to take place within the walls of the institution. It can happen anywhere. However, it's difficult to visualize the diversity of a university existing anywhere else. Maximum exposure within a limited radius might be the greatest benefit of the campus layout.

Just think about all the classes you've taken already. College can provide you with a lifetime of information in just a few short years if you let it. The structure keeps you from putting it off, like all those books you're going to read in your free time. A syllabus is a contractual agreement that promises a new skill by the end of the semester, if you meet the requirements.

Certain lessons are worthy of repetition. The most important skill any student can hope to gain is critical thinking. College should teach you to be skeptical and never accept anything at face value. By all means,

question authority, evaluate the source, demand to see the data and, when necessary, call bullshit.

These classrooms are the few places you're encouraged to discuss all those things it's supposedly impolite to talk about, like politics, money and religion. So, make the most of it. Understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the democratic system will make you a better constituent. Studying the relationship between capitalism and globalization should at least make the news more interesting. And there's no place like college to lose and regain your faith in everything.

Life is one great debate and it's imperative to have an opinion. Is it nature or nurture that makes people the way they are? Is there such a thing as just war? Does the market really regulate itself? Hopefully, by the time you graduate, you will know where you stand and act accordingly.

But most importantly, you will be exponentially more interesting at happy hour.

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Gunmen kill journalist from Somali radio station

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Gunmen in the Somali capital killed a veteran journalist working for the state-run radio station Tuesday, and colleagues said they suspect the killing was because of the station's critical view of insurgents.

Sheik Mohamed Abkey was abducted earlier Tuesday, said Abdiraham Yusuf Al-adala, the station's chief editor.

"Members of the al-Shabab militant group phoned us and told us they had our colleague and they were going to kill him. Later on, around the sunset prayer, they again phoned us and told us the news of the death of our man," Abkey said.

Residents said they have seen the body of the journalist lying in one of Mogadishu's streets.

Mohamad Olad Hassan(AP)

Michigan high school wins Obama commencement speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Michigan high school has beat the competition to land President Barack Obama as its commencement speaker.

The winner is Kalamazoo Central High School in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Obama himself made the announcement Tuesday during a speech to business leaders.

The president said he's looking forward to it and gave a shout out to the school mascot, saying: "Go Giants!"

The competition was designed to promote Obama's goals of increasing high school and college graduation rates and improving academics.

Obama selected Kalamazoo from three finalists picked by the public in online voting based on presentations submitted by the schools.

Four convicted in Greece for hotel monoxide deaths

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek court officials say four people have been convicted in the fatal carbon monoxide poisoning of two British children at a luxury hotel on Corfu in 2006.

A Corfu misdemeanor court late Tuesday sentenced the hotel manager, a senior maintenance official and the hotel electrician to seven years in prison for negligent manslaughter and causing injury by negligence.

All were freed pending appeal.

Seven-year-old Christianne Shepherd and her 6-year-old brother Robert were found dead in October 2006 in their bungalow at the Corcyra Beach Hotel. Their father and his partner were found unconscious but recovered.

A fourth defendant received a two-year suspended sentence for building violations. Another seven defendants were cleared.

Environmentalists warn Jordan River drying up

By Daniel Estrin
The Associated Press

QASR AL-YAHUD, West Bank — Christian pilgrims who flock to the Jordan River to immerse themselves in the water where Jesus was baptized may have nothing left to dunk in next year.

A team of Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian environmental scientists says large stretches of the biblical river could dry up by 2011. And much of what remains is nothing but a canal of sewage, they said in a report released Monday.

"You can almost jump across this river. In other places, you don't need to even jump — you can just cross it. It's ankle deep," said Gidon Bromberg, Israeli director of Friends of the Earth Middle East, the organization that commissioned the report. "You struggle to see the water."

Sadly, it is one of the efforts to save the river that has helped doom it, the report said. Israel and Jordan have agreed to stop dumping waste into the river and instead treat it in plants expected to be up and running in both countries in 2011.

But if no wastewater enters the lower Jordan — the river's largest section — then no water will flow in it at all, the report notes.

According to Christian tradition, John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. Typical of the region's conflicting land claims, both Jordan and Israel maintain the New Testament baptismal site stands on their soil, and the

"Replenishing the Jordan River is primarily Israel's responsibility. We have little freshwater ourselves to help solve the problem."

Adnan Zubi | Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation

sites face each other on either side of the Jordan.

The Bible describes the river, which flows south from the Sea of Galilee into the Dead Sea, marking the border shared by Israel, Jordan and the West Bank, as "overflowing." In 1847, a U.S. Naval officer visiting the area reported on the "deafening roar of the tumultuous waters."

But over the past five decades, Israel, Jordan and Syria have diverted about 98 percent of the Jordan River and its tributaries for drinking water and agricultural use. Only 700 million to about 1 billion cubic feet (20 million to 30 million cubic meters) flow through the river today, a tiny fraction of the 45 billion cubic feet (1.3 billion cubic meters) that used to surge through before the 1930s, when the first dam was built on the river in what is now Israel.

What was once the narrowest stretch of the river has now become its widest. In some spots, the Jordan is only a trickle. Otters and other creatures that used to live on its banks are long gone.

Today, the lower section of the Jordan is choked with sewage from towns on the Israeli, West Bank and Jordanian sides. The report's authors praised

the Israeli and Jordanian wastewater treatment plan, while noting that it will dry up large stretches of the river by the end of next year because the treated sewage will be used for agriculture rather than being pumped into the Jordan.

The report recommends that Israel and Jordan rehabilitate the river by filling it with freshwater pumped in from the Sea of Galilee and the Yarmouk river, the Jordan's largest tributary, in addition to highly treated wastewater, to return a third of the volume that once flowed there.

Both countries said that would be difficult.

"Replenishing the Jordan River is primarily Israel's responsibility," said Adnan Zubi of the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation. "We have little freshwater ourselves to help solve the problem."

In Israel, government officials said they were considering pumping water from the Sea of Galilee toward the Jordan River. "We have a water plan for the Jordan River," said Alon Zask, head of the water and stream division in Israel's Ministry of Environmental Protection. "But it takes decades to restore and rehabilitate a river."

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Ryan Holley of the Wood County Apartment Association, and Matt Dolley of The Enclave are pictured here with Aretha Lemon, winner of the \$4,680 Grand Prize. The Wood County Apartment Association and The Enclave each donated \$500 to the Tuition Raffle. Aretha was presented with the award at Beyond BG on Monday, April 26th.

From batter's box to coach's box



ANDREA FEHL | THE BG NEWS

COACH: Now an assistant coach with the BG softball team, Hayley Wiemer (top left) looks on as Paige Berger is greeted by her teammates after hitting a home run earlier this season.

After a four-year career at the University, Wiemer makes smooth transition to coaching

By Paul Barney
Assistant Sports Editor

Rick Blanc, Libby Harrison, Spencer Schmitz and Garry Winger.

These are just a few of the names of those at BG who have played athletics for the Falcons and are now serving as coaches at their alma mater.

Well, you can add Hayley Wiemer to that list.

The former softball player who wreaked havoc for opposing hitters and pitchers

over the past four years has stepped off the field and into the coach's box.

Wiemer, who played for the Falcons from 2006-09, graduated from the University last spring and is currently serving her first year as assistant coach on the softball team — joining head coach Shannon Salsburg and assistant coach Lani Shaffer.

Salsburg, who came to BG in 2007, began coaching Wiemer when she was a sophomore and knew that when she hung up

the cleats, it was crucial she come back.

"As soon as I had the opportunity I reached out to Hayley for a lot of reasons. No. 1, she's one of the best players to ever play here, but she can help in all facets of the game," Salsburg said. "From a pitching staff, our kids have been very receptive and very open to what she's had to say and I think it shows. They've put in a ton of hard work, but you have to have that guidance to get there."

After sharing the pitching

duties with Wiemer last season, Melissa Bott and Zada Lines have highly benefited from their former teammate giving them advice along the way.

Bott went 2-1 with a 0.93 ERA in 15 innings of work in the opening weekend of MAC play in early April and Lines threw a no-hitter in early May.

Along with Bott and Lines, Wiemer has played with 10 of the 16 players on the roster, and even though she's

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Shannon Salsburg | Head coach

now their coach, the strong bond they've developed over the years still remains intact — which made the transition to coaching that much easier for Wiemer.

"I definitely feel like a coach, and I think the upperclassmen have set the tone that

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Top headlines from 2009-10



Barnes breaks NCAA record for most catches in a season

Former BG wide receiver Freddie Barnes had one of the most successful seasons in BG history in 2009-10. He broke the NCAA record for most catches in a season, finishing his season with 155 receptions for 1770 yards, and led the nation with 19 touchdown receptions. The star wideout recently signed a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears.



Women's hoops wins sixth-straight division title

Coach Curt Miller and the Falcons clinched their sixth-straight division title this past season. They went on to win the Mid-American Conference Championship against Toledo at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. Junior Lauren Prochaska repeated as MAC Player of the Year and the Falcons returned to the NCAA Tournament.



Van De Walle wins 500th career match

BG volleyball coach Denise Van De Walle won her 500th career match as the Falcons defeated rival Toledo in the opening round of the MAC Tournament on Nov. 17. Not only did the win give Van De Walle 500 for her career, but it also propelled the Falcons as the underdog No. 11 seed into the MAC Tournament quarterfinals.



Berger sets single-season home run record

On Sunday, BG freshman phenom hit her 12th home run of the season, breaking current assistant coach Hayley Wiemer's previous mark of 11. Through 36 games this season, Berger continues to make strides toward MAC Freshman of the Year. She leads the Falcons in batting average (.358), slugging percentage (.800), RBIs (31), home runs (12) and total bases (76).



Bergeron named head coach of Bowling Green hockey

BG Director of Athletics Greg Christopher announced Chris Bergeron as the new head coach of the BG hockey program on April 12. Bergeron came to BG after spending 10 seasons as an assistant coach at powerhouse Miami University. Since 2000, Bergeron was part of eight 20-win seasons and six trips to the NCAA Tournament.

SPORTS BRIEF

Elkins dismissed from baseball team



BG senior baseball player Tyler Elkins has been dismissed from the team after violating team rules, according to baseball Sports Information Director Ryan Gasser. It was not said specifically what he did to be dismissed.

Elkins was named a co-captain for the 2010 season and was a Second-Team All-Mid-American Conference selection last season.

After missing time earlier this season due to injury, Elkins has been a constant force in the Falcons' lineup, batting .291 at the plate in 30 starts this year, including 32 hits and 20 RBIs.

Elkins had been playing first base since returning from injury and boasted a .987 fielding percentage.

SPORTS BRIEF

Men's hoops announce addition of two student-athletes



BG men's basketball coach Louis Orr has announced the addition of two student-athletes for the 2010-11 season.

Torian Oglesby (top left) and Anthony Henderson (bottom) have both signed National Letters of Intent to play for the Falcons next season.

Oglesby, a 6-foot-7 forward junior college transfer from Mott Community College, helped lead the Bears to a 26-4 overall record this past season en route to winning the MCAA Tournament Championship.



Henderson, a 6-foot-2 guard from Toledo, was named Ohio First Team All-State after averaging 27.7 points, 8.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game as a senior under coach Ted Pasqualone at Start High School. He broke Start High School's scoring record with 1,350 points and was named the Toledo Blade's Player of the Year.

Oglesby and Henderson will be added to the 2010-11 recruiting class that already included two players signed during the fall signing period. Craig Sealy, a 6-foot-6 forward from Brookhaven High School in Columbus, Ohio, and Cameron Black, a 6-foot-10 forward/center from Kent Roosevelt High School in Kent, Ohio, both signed National Letters of Intent.

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BASEBALL

BG sweeps MAC East Weekly Awards

After helping the Falcons to a 3-1 record over the last week of action, outfielder T.J. Blanton and pitcher Brennan Smith were named Player of the Week and Pitcher of the Week.

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BG completes Habitat for Humanity

Members of the BG women's soccer team donated their time and effort for a Habitat for Humanity project Saturday as the student-athletes helped at a site in the Toledo area.



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Cavs gear up for Friday's game against Boston

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

"We're going to keep going to the big fella because he's going to have to score for us down there to loosen it up for the rest of our guys."

Mike Brown | Cavs' coach

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James and his scrutinized right elbow remained out of sight Tuesday, deepening the mystery about his perplexing injury.

Hours after being embarrassed on their home floor by the Boston Celtics in Game 2, the Cleveland Cavaliers were summoned to their practice facility by coach Mike Brown to watch tape of the 104-86 setback that evened the Eastern Conference semifinal at 1-1.

Although Game 3 isn't until Friday, Brown wanted to dissect and digest went wrong.

"I had a lot to say to the guys about our performance," said Brown, who was critical of his own effort. "I thought we need to develop a sense of urgency in this series and throughout our run. I thought why not have last night be a good start to that."

After the team's film session broke up, James, who will have a third MRI in less than 10 days on his injured elbow later this week, was not seen when the Cleveland Clinic Courts were opened to the media.

The team said James was at the facility receiving treatment on his elbow, but there was no visual proof.

It appeared James was hurting Monday night.

He scored 24 points but James did not attack the basket with his typical aggression until the fourth quarter, when the game was essentially out of reach.

For the first three quarters, he was unusually passive. He played lethargically and stood and watched his teammates.

Usually, it's the other way

around.

James has been diagnosed with a sprained elbow and bone bruise, an injury he said has bothered him for more than one month. In recent days, he has insisted it's not an issue and that he won't use the injury as an excuse.

But with the two-time MVP at less than 100 percent, the Cavs, who led the league in wins this season, may no longer be the favorite to win their first NBA title.

Brown said he has not specifically asked James about the injury.

Why not?

"I have complete faith and trust in the players and our medical staff, and at any time if anyone is hurting, I'm in the loop," he said.

Forward Anderson Varejao, who sat out the fourth quarter with back spasms, is day-to-day. The Cavs said an MRI and X-rays showed no structural damage.

James flexed his elbow several times during Game 2, grabbing it and rubbing his arm during the third quarter when Boston was outscoring Cleveland 31-12.

Cavs guard Mo Williams said James hasn't complained about the injury, and that he would never play if it jeopardized the team's chances of winning.

"He would tell me if he was really hurting to a point where he couldn't play," Williams

said. "He's fine. He don't want to sit and bark about an injury. He don't want to hear about it. He doesn't make excuses. He does what he has to do to get ready to play and he's going to play."

The severity of James' injury became known last week in Game 5 against Chicago, when he shot a free throw with his left hand in the closing seconds.

He revealed afterward that he had undergone an MRI on April 26, and the team said he had another round of tests on April 28 that revealed no structural damage.

A third MRI is planned in the coming days before the team travels to Boston.

Until those results are known, Cleveland fans will have to trust James isn't hiding anything more serious and the Cavaliers can figure out a better way to contain Celtics guard Rajon Rondo, who followed up his 27-point performance in Game 1 with 19 assists in Game 2.

The Cavaliers also need better production from Shaquille O'Neal.

He scored nine points on 4-of-10 shooting in Game 2 and without him posing an inside threat, it allows the Celtics to shift their defense and focus on James.

"We're going to keep going to the big fella because he's going to have to score for us down there to loosen it up for the rest of our guys," Brown said.

Troubled 'Pacman' Jones gets second tryout with Cincinnati

By Joe Kay
The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones got a second look from the Cincinnati Bengals on Tuesday, an indication that the team with a history of trying to rehabilitate troubled players might be considering its next project.

The Bengals hadn't made a formal contract proposal as of Tuesday evening, agent Tom Hunter told The Associated Press. Jones was in town for his second workout with the team this offseason.

Cincinnati is among a handful of teams that showed an interest in Jones, who was released by the Cowboys after the 2008 season and

didn't play last year. Only 26 years old, Jones has seen his career bottom out because of his repeated arrests.

He was suspended for the entire 2007 season and for six games with the Cowboys in 2008 for violating the NFL's conduct policy.

The club had no comment on Jones' tryout Tuesday, which was first reported by The Cincinnati Enquirer.

Jones went to West Virginia along with late Bengals receiver Chris Henry. The two of them got into so much trouble with their teams — Jones was drafted in the first round by Tennessee in 2005 — that commissioner Roger Goodell toughened the league's disciplinary policies.



Adam Jones
Released by the Cowboys after the 2008 season

The Bengals released Henry in 2008 following his fifth arrest. Owner Mike Brown referred to himself as a "redeemer" and did an about-face, bringing Henry back against the wishes of coach Marvin Lewis. Henry died in a fall from a pickup truck driven by his fiancée last year.

The Bengals became more cautious about signing troubled players after they had 10 arrested during a 14-month span.

WIEMER

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it's going to be a transition," Wiemer said. "The transition has been very smooth because the upperclassmen have really led the way and set the tone for how that relationship will work."

For the freshman who didn't get the opportunity to play with Wiemer, they're making quite the first impression on the former standout.

Paige Berger and Hannah Fulk have both made an immediate impact on the team and are continuing to make strides as they close out their first year with the Falcons.

Berger recently set a new BG single-season record for most home runs with 12 and Fulk leads the Falcons in doubles

"Lani and Shannon have really helped kind of bring me into my own and teach me the ropes, but letting me learn trial and error on my own as much as possible too."

Hayley Wiemer | Assistant coach

(11), hits (36), on-base percentage (.472), runs scored (20) and walks (20).

And even though Wiemer never had a chance to play with this year's freshman class, the experience she's had working with them has been great nonetheless.

"They're just great athletes. The future of Bowling Green is going to be bright with them leading the way down the road," Wiemer said. "They're going to continue the traditions that the upperclassmen try to set every year and really

guide the underclassmen to step into those leading roles as they get older and older. It's going to be an exciting time as they get through their careers."

Despite her playing days being over, Wiemer still continues to make an impact on the team, a transition that she said has been "great."

"Lani and Shannon have really helped kind of bring me into my own and teach me the ropes, but letting me learn trial and error on my own as much as possible too."

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WASHINGTON BRIEFS

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Obama hosts Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel for lunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and fellow Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel discussed the need for a renewed Middle East peace process Tuesday during a private lunch at the White House.

Speaking to reporters afterwards, Wiesel said the meeting was a "good kosher lunch" between friends. But he said the conversation did turn serious, as the two Nobel Peace Prize winners discussed the administration's attempts to break the deadlock in the Israel-Palestinian peace talks.

Obama's meeting with Wiesel, a strong supporter of Israel, comes during a period of strained relations between the U.S. and Israel. The author said he believes tensions between the two countries are lessening.

"Relations between Israel and the United States have a history, and that history has always been one of understanding," he said.

Wiesel visited the White House last February when he accepted an award for his work to educate the country on the Holocaust.

Wiesel survived the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz and Buchenwald. Last June, when Obama visited Germany, Wiesel accompanied the president on a tour of Buchenwald.

Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. Obama won last year.

Michigan high school wins Obama commencement speech

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Michigan high school has beat the competition to land President Barack Obama as its commencement speaker.

The winner is Kalamazoo Central High School in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Obama himself made the announcement Tuesday during a speech to business leaders.

The president said he's looking forward to it and gave a shout out to the school mascot, saying: "Go Giants!"

The competition was designed to promote Obama's goals of increasing high school and college graduation rates and improving academics.

Obama selected Kalamazoo from three finalists picked by the public in online voting based on presentations submitted by the schools.

House votes to add Marine Corps name to Navy Department

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 200 years after the first Marines fought in the Revolutionary War, the Marine Corps would finally get its name on the door under legislation the House has approved.

The House by voice vote Tuesday agreed to rename the Department of the Navy as the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The measure's sponsor, North Carolina Republican Walter Jones, says his effort is merely recognizing the Marine Corps as part of the fighting team that includes the Navy.

While almost every member of the House co-sponsored the legislation, it's no sure bet to pass Congress. The House has approved similar legislation for eight years running, only to be thwarted by the Senate. This year a companion Senate bill waits to be considered.

Holder: Bomb suspect to face terror charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Eric Holder says the suspect in the failed Times Square car bombing will face terrorism and weapons of mass destruction charges.

Faisal Shahzad, a naturalized U.S. citizen from Pakistan, is under arrest for the failed bombing. Holder says Shahzad is talking to investigators and has provided valuable information.

Holder described the failed bombing as a very serious terrorist plot intended to kill Americans.

Obama: Gulf oil spill a 'significant challenge' for recovering economy

By Darlene Superville
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Tuesday that the Gulf of Mexico oil spill is a reminder that the economy, which is showing signs of recovery two years after the recession, can be walloped at any time by a sudden and costly crisis.

Obama told a group of business leaders that dealing with the spill and its fallout will be a significant challenge, and pledged to continue exploring all options for replacing fisheries and tourism jobs now threatened by the growing oil slick.

"We are committed to preventing as much of the economic damage as possible..."

Barack Obama | President

"We are committed to preventing as much of the economic damage as possible by working to contain the impact of this potentially devastating spill," Obama told the annual meeting of the

Business Council, an association of chief executive officers.

The president said he wants to see the people most affected by the disaster involved in cleaning up the spill. That would be one way to possibly soften the sting of potential job losses in the fishing and tourism industries along a stretch of the Gulf Coast from Louisiana to Florida.

The spill was caused by an April 20 explosion on a BP PLC drilling rig off the Louisiana coast that killed 11 workers. An undersea well that has yet to be shut off or capped is spewing 200,000 gallons of crude daily into Gulf waters.

Liberals fear Obama will nominate a 'consensus-building moderate' to court

Liberals say appointment would send the Supreme Court even further to the right

By Jess J. Holland
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Liberals fear that after they helped elect President Barack Obama he'll abandon them when he nominates a Supreme Court justice, choosing a consensus-building moderate rather than a liberal in the mold of retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

If that's Obama's plan, liberals say a Democratic administration holding a significant

majority in the Senate could be blamed for sending the nation's highest court tilting farther to the right, a significant betrayal for an administration that will need help from its hard-core supporters in a fierce confirmation battle and midterm congressional elections.

George Washington University Law School professor Jonathan Turley said there's "a palpable sense of mistrust that's developed" in the liberal community toward the White House.

Questions arose about the liberal credentials of Justice Sonia Sotomayor last year, Turley said, but the groups agreed to put their concerns aside and rally behind her bid to replace retiring Justice David Souter.

"Many liberals feel they bit their tongue during the Sotomayor nomination but the expectation was that the White House would deliver on the Stevens nomination," Turley said.

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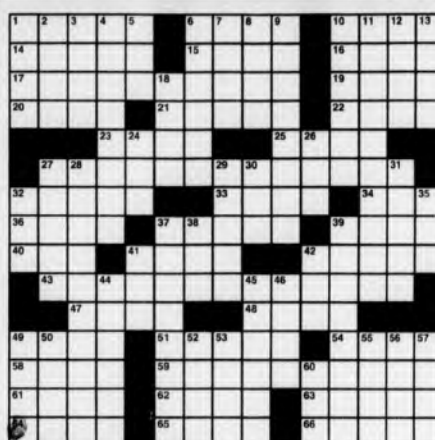
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- 6 Greek god of love
- 10 Quite a long time
- 14 Got up
- 15 Light fog
- 16 Knight's lady
- 17 With 59-Across, warm welcome for an old friend
- 19 Big bore
- 20 Calligraphers' supplies
- 21 Mr. T's TV gang
- 22 Othello's false friend
- 23 Wheels connector
- 25 Kentucky Fried piece
- 27 Warm welcome for an old friend
- 32 Levels in the ring
- 33 Make, as money
- 34 Urgent call at sea
- 36 "___ a man with seven wives"
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 39 Sail support
- 40 Exerciser's unit
- 41 Sainly glow
- 42 Flower associated with Holland

- Pregnancy Tests
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- Limited Ultrasounds
- Material Assistance

- 43 Warm welcome for an old friend
- 47 Welcome word on a bill
- 48 Fontanne's stage partner
- 49 Make a backup of
- 51 Loathing
- 54 Took a bus, say
- 58 Hertz competitor
- 59 See 17-Across
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Stocks slide as new doubts about Greek aid emerge

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged around the world Tuesday as fears spread that Europe's attempt to contain Greece's debt crisis would fail. The euro fell to its lowest point against the dollar in a year. The Dow Jones industrial average fell about 245 points, erasing its 143-point gain from Monday. The Dow and broader indexes each fell more than 2 percent. Treasury prices rose on increased demand for safety investments.

Stocks have seesawed in the past week as Europe's efforts to agree on a bailout package for Greece proceeded in fits and starts. An agreement finally came together over the weekend, but its ballooning size of \$144 billion has investors worried that Europe would have an even tougher time assembling an aid package if a larger country such as Spain or Portugal were to get in trouble.

Tim Paradis (AP)

Woman with no arms preparing for black belt

PEABODY, Mass. (AP) — A Massachusetts woman who was born without arms or kneecaps is preparing to test for her black belt in taekwondo. Sheila Radziewicz was scheduled to take her test next month at Bruce McCorry's Martial Arts in Peabody. The 32-year-old brown belt, who was born with thrombocytopenia-absent radius, or TAR syndrome, told The Salem News she's been training in martial arts for three years.

McCorry, her teacher, said he's never seen a student like Radziewicz. Despite her condition, she can use nunchucks and break boards with her kicks.

The Salem resident, who works as an advocate for victims of domestic violence, said she has never let her disability stop her. At 23, Radziewicz earned her driver's license. She uses a car that she controls with her feet.

Winds knock over truck, down power lines

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Strong, gusting winds knocked down power lines, uprooted trees and even picked up a tractor-trailer rig and laid it on its side in Montana.

A high wind warning remained in effect for the eastern two-thirds of the state Tuesday.

No one was seriously injured in the big rig crash on U.S. 93 near Florence at about 5:15 p.m. Monday.

Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Rocky Bailey says a gust caught the 35-foot trailer and lifted it off the ground. The trailer landed on its side and slid about 180 feet.

The storm caused scattered power outages and uprooted trees, including one that fell into a brick house near Echo Lake.

The National Weather Service says peak winds included a 94 mph gust on Logan Pass in Glacier National Park.

Minnesota man pleads guilty to lying to FBI

MINNEAPOLIS — A Minnesota man who was caught up in the FBI's investigation into missing Somali men has pleaded guilty to obstructing justice.

Twenty-six-year-old Abdow M. Abdow entered his plea to the reduced charge before U.S. District Judge James Rosenbaum Tuesday.

Abdow acknowledged providing false statements to FBI agents about his travels last October.

The FBI agents were investigating the disappearances of young men from the Minneapolis area who had returned to Somalia to fight for an alleged terrorist group.

Rosenbaum did not set a sentencing date. The sentencing guidelines call for a sentence of 10 to 16 months in jail. Defense attorney Earl Gray says he'll argue for a lesser sentence.

Abdow was never charged with any involvement with the alleged terrorist group. Steve Karnowski (AP)

Church to reinstate gay pastor

ATLANTA (AP) — A Lutheran denomination is reinstating a gay Atlanta pastor and his partner to its clergy roster.

The Chicago-based Evangelical Lutheran Church in America said Tuesday the Rev. Bradley Schmeling and the Rev. Darin Easler have been approved for reinstatement.

Schmeling, who serves as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Atlanta, was removed from the church's clergy roster in 2007 for being in a same-gender relationship with Easler.

The church adopted revisions to ministry policy documents last month, making it possible for "eligible Lutherans in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships" to serve as clergy.

Easler was removed from the clergy roster in 2006 after having been without a parish for three years.

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